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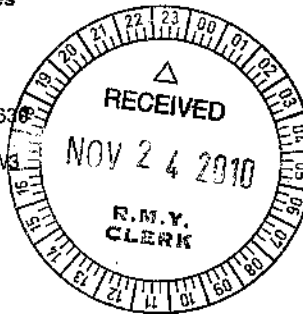
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Mr. Denis Kelly
Regional Clerk

The Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street
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Dear Mr. Kelly:

Thank you for your letter of September 24, 2010, sharing the report adopted by Regional Council on York Region's "Great Lakes Intra-basin Transfer Application Update".

I am pleased by the success of the consultation with Great Lakes jurisdictions on York Region's water transfer proposal under the Great Lakes Charter and commend the leadership demonstrated by York Region throughout the process. Comments from Regional Body members were very positive, highlighting York Region's advanced water conservation efforts, the return of transferred water back to the source and efforts to ensure that groundwater use remains at sustainable levels. I greatly appreciated York Region's willingness to meet the spirit of the Great Lakes - St. Lawrence River Basin Sustainable Water Resources Agreement by agreeing to undertake additional water conservation measures and to monitor and report on the water transfer.

We appreciate the input provided by York Region staff as active members of Ontario's Agreement Advisory Panel and look forward to ongoing dialogue as we work with the Ministry of the Environment to develop the regulations and policies required to implement Ontario's commitments under the Great Lakes - St. Lawrence River Basin Sustainable Water Resources Agreement.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

Linda Jeffrey
Minister of Natural Resources

- c. The Honourable John Wilkinson, Minister of the Environment
Erin Mahoney, Commissioner, Environmental Services, York Region
Laura McDowell, Director, Environmental Promotion and Protection, York Region